

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Serial No. Not Yet Assigned

Filed: January 12, 2001

For: **METHOD FOR GENERATING A CLIENT/SERVER MODEL OF A MULTI-
PROTOCOL LAYERED TRANSMISSIONS NETWORK**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I. Before calculating the filing fee for the above identified application, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, line 24, delete " or 2"
Claim 4, line 28, delete " to 3"

II. In the claims before examination, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following newly submitted claims:

- 9. The method according to claim 2 and further comprising the step of displaying on a GUI a top view of the overlays of two or more protocol layers of the model superimposed one on the other.--
- 10. The method according to claim 2 and further comprising the step of displaying a 3D representation on a GUI of overlays of two or more protocol layers of the model including the pair of association links between each logical link and its associated transmission path. -
- 11. The method according to claim 3 and further comprising the step of displaying a 3D representation on a GUI of overlays of two or more protocol layers of the model including the pair of association links between each logical link and its associated transmission path.--

REMARKS

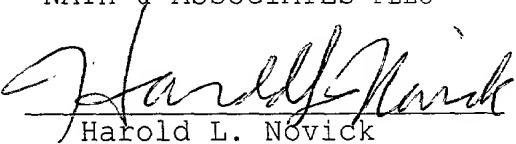
The first of the above amendments has been made to remove multiple dependencies from the claims so as to reduce the filing fees. The second of the above amendments has been made to reintroduce those claims canceled when the multiple dependency was deleted.

It is submitted that the foregoing amendments expands Applicant's Patent coverage and/or were not related to a statutory requirement for a patent and thus do not give rise to prosecution history estoppel. It is further submitted that no new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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